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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Alan F. Evans

Serial No.: 09/932,522

Confirmation No.: 4296

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PUMP POWER MONITOR  
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
GAIN CONTROL OF OPTICAL  
AMPLIFIERMail Stop: Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

§ Group Art Unit: 2839

§ Examiner: DUVERNE, JEAN F.

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2003, please enter this response and the application for reasons discussed below. Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office action dated November 20, 2003 for one month from February 20, 2004 to March 20, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/000838 \$110.00 for a one month extension of time, and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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